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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

CARTER et al.

Application No.: 10/719,066

Filed: November 24, 2003

Title: STENT

Confirmation Number: 9145

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Examiner: Stewart, Alvin J.

**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005 and the personal interview conducted May 18, 2005, the period for reply being extended to July 26, 2005 by the Petition for Three-Months Extension of Time filed herewith, prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: